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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1642
CLASSEN, John B.) Examiner: BRUMBACK, B.
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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION) Docket No.: CLASSEN=1A
FOR AN EARLY VACCINE...)

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S i r :

In response to the final rejection mailed November 5, 2001, as to which a notice of appeal was filed May 6, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 148 as follows:

148 (amended). A method of reducing the incidence or severity of a chronic immune-mediated disorder in a mammal which comprises administering to said mammal one or more immunogens, according to an immunization schedule by virtue of which the mammal receives, at one or more pharmaceutically acceptable doses of said immunogens, said administrations resulting in an immune response in said mammal which substantially reduces the incidence or severity of at least one chronic immune-mediated disorder in the mammal,

the first dose of said immunization schedule being administered before the mammal's immune system arrives at a state of maturation comparable to that achieved at an age of 42 days after birth in a mouse or rat,

where, if only one immunogen is administered according to said immunization schedule, that immunogen is one other than BCG,